

REMARKS:

Regarding the claims, Applicant requests that claim 31 be canceled. Accordingly, the rejections based on nonstatutory, obviousness-type double patenting, 35 U.S.C. 112, and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of this claim are respectfully overcome.

Applicant attaches a terminal disclaimer regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,978,631. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection of claims 1-30 is respectfully overcome.

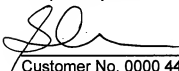
All issues raised in the Office Action now being resolved, Applicant respectfully requests this application be approved and proceed to allowance.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

It is not believed that an extension of time or any fees, other than those presented herewith, are required. However, in the event that extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and any additional fees required for consideration of this paper, including fees for the net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 080719. If any designated extension fees, or other designated fees, are not required or are in excess of the amount required, the Director is hereby authorized to credit any such overpayment to Deposit Account No. 080719.

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